

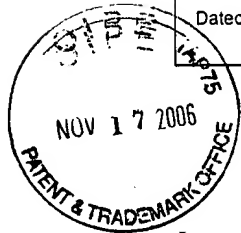
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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 19, 2006, for which a response was due on October 19, 2006. A petition and fee for a one month extension of time is filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.